

Citizen may comment on a permit for the withdrawal of ground water in Prince George County, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 13, 2007, to May 14, 2007

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit

Any person or facility that proposes to withdraw 300,000 gallons per month or more in a ground water management area may have to submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality, which is under the authority delegated by the State Water Control Board.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: RAJ, LLC (Days Inn), 12208 Crater Road, Petersburg, VA; GW0000201

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Days Inn Water System; one well is located in the western portion of Prince George County at the 45th Interchange of I95 and US HWY 301.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RAJ, LLC. has applied for re-issuance of a permit for a public water supply in Prince George County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 28,656 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a public water supply for the Days Inn and adjoining restaurant. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Potomac Aquifer at a depth between 130 feet to 239 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will decide whether to issue the permit or to conduct a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should also include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns.

TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION: The public may review the documents at the DEQ - Piedmont Regional Office every work day by appointment.

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